plants, oil field chemicals, plant based drugs, horticulture crops and utilisation of agricultural waste.

(b) and (c) The 9th Five Year Plan of the RRL envisages development of technologies for utilising local resources and creating employment in the field of agriculture, commercial propagation of medicinal plants, improvement of mugga silk worm culture, up-gradation of existing technology with improved energy efficiency for cement manufacture, additives for benefication of coal from North-East Region and utilisation of agricultural waste for cement paper etc. The total plan allocation for RRL, Jorhat, for the 9th Five Year Plan is around Rs. 10 crore.

Foreign Investment in Industries

†1852. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the position of foreign investment during the current financial year as compared to that of the last year, together with the extent to which the set target has been achieved during this year;

(b) the names of the industries to which foreign investment would be made during the current financial year; and

(c) the names of the industries which will have foreign investment during the next year, together with the total amount of money likely to be invested therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Sir, the actual inflow against the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approved during the year 1998 and 1999 is given below:

Year (Apr. to Dec.)	Amount of FDI approved (Rs. in crore)	Amount of Inflow (Rs. in crore)
1998	22625.90	9617.04
1999	17071.84	11894.75

Against the target of FDI inflow of US$ 10.00 billion per year, US$ 4.02 billion were received during the calender year 1999.

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(b) and (c) Receipt and disposal of FDI proposals is an ongoing process. All FDI proposals which are not under automatic route, are generally disposed of within 30 days. It is not possible to make projections about future FDI proposals and names of industries to which foreign Investment is likely to be made.

Corruption cases in STC

†1853. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information regarding certain cases of corruption in State Trading Corporation during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of each case;

(c) the action taken by Governemnt in each case with result thereof; and

(d) the number of accused persons punished and number of accused persons who are under trial?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Status of cases reported to the Department of Commerce during the last three years is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). Majority of the cases are reflected in the enclosed statement have been closed by Central Bureau of Investigation/Enforcement Directorate. In respect of cases, which are still under investigation, it is difficult to infer the connivance of any official of STC till the investigations are complete.

Statement

S.No.	Year	Subject	Action taken/Status of investigation
1.	1996-97	Alleged lapses in the rice shipments from STC, Madras to Bangladesh	The case has been closed by CBI.
2.	1996-97	Export of plastic garbage bages to M/s. Internationl Leather Co., Dubai.	The Case has been closed by CBI.
3.	1996-97	Alleged FERA violations by STC and ZEE TV	Ministry of Finance directed Enforcement Directorate (ED)

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